Truths. The Masters are given opportunity to present the instruction and radiation which is Theirs to give and which the student could not receive from any other source. In return, the Law requires those who are the beneficiaries of that instruction to be willing to make a balance of their substance from their side of life to spread the Masters' teachings. This makes the perfect balance for the blessing of all.

Dear Editor: Of course You know what You are doing, but so many of us who are not members of groups and are not fortunate enough to be located where we have access to group instruction, miss the monthly letter and decree pattern which we have so faithfully followed as they appeared last year in "The Bridge." It has left us without a form of daily application which joined us in consciousness with the other students throughout the world.—M. L., Huntingdon, New York.

(Ed.) Being a Man of action, I am delighted that individuals desire a pattern of application. In this and forthcoming issues we shall give opportunity for service to those good readers who find themselves desiring to participate in consciousness with the group endeavors.

Dear Editor: When a soul is taken out of the body by unnatural means, where do they go? Must they stay in the Earth's atmosphere?—M. P., Chatham, Ont., Canada.

(Ed.) The nature of the particular demise determines the type of service that is given in each such case. I can assure you that the Lords of Karma are interested only in providing opportunity to every soul to make things right. They give opportunity to every individual to prepare for a new incarnation of greater service and assist that soul, as quickly as possible, to fulfill its individual destiny, becoming Master of substance and energy. Those who stay in the Earth's atmosphere (the Earthbound) are not required to do so but elect to do so through their own free will. Every soul is invited to appear before the Karmic Board and receive an opportunity to enter the school rooms provided by the Ascended Masters where each one is taught that portion of the law which the consciousness can absorb, assimilate and apply. If the soul does not choose to avail itself of this opportunity, the Law of free-will is such that they remain in the Realm of the Earth-bound until they willing accept the assistance of the Guardians of the race. These things are not very well understood by the average individual but interested friends and loved ones can render a very wonderful service to those who have gone on, by daily giving "The Prayer for the Departed" in the back of the booklet containing Beloved Archangel Michael's address—1953. I believe it is the first booklet of the first series.

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To the Great Karmic Board:

Gratitude and blessings from the hearts of All Who have ascended from the evolutions of mankind and elemental life because of Your mercy, watchful care, kind solicitude and infinite service!

On behalf of the life yet bound to the wheel of birth and so-called death, We also send gratitude for Your Presence in the Universe. As each soul released from the body stands before You, We thank You for the interest and the mercy with which You study that one, assigning each to the place where the greatest personal improvement and enlightenment will prepare the soul for a new and more progressive Earthlife. As each soul called to new birth receives Your benediction, We thank You for allowing that soul the best possible conditions for birth, the most harmonious family life, the most purified vehicles of incarnation and the greatest opportunity to fulfill its individual destiny. No more, dear Karmic Board, shall You be dreaded as an instrument of judgment and punishment! Now shall You be known as an instrument of God's mercy, grace and solicitude!

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IS THAT YOU, MASTER?

"Is that YOU, Master?" cried my heart
From out its shroud of doubt and fear—
"We have lived so long apart,
Can I believe that THOU art here?"

I feel a dam burst in my heart
And all my foolish, childish pains
Rush in torrents from my soul—
I find myself at peace again!

To one as filled with sin as I
Among a million sons of men,
My hope exceeds good reason's guard—
Let me not be deceived again!

"Oh God, don't let credulity
Deceive me in this hopeful hour;
Reveal to me without delay
What PRESENCE brings this blessed power.

"Are these Your Words of Counsel, Lord,
That contain no sting of cruel blame—
But rather fill my emptiness
With a renewing, hopeful Flame?

"Is that Your PRESENCE, Master dear,
That stands in Friendship by my side?
With Thee, I could move forward now
In God—victorious—whate'er betide.

"Oh Holy Comforter! I know
The gentle peace that fills my soul,
My strength renewed, my Spirit fired,
My faith and purpose now made whole."

"Have I been so long with you
And you not know my Presence yet?
'Tis not by form but ESSENCE, child,
The Measure of the Christ is set.

"The fruit falls not far from the parent tree,
Nor the Master's works from the Father's Throne.
Where Comfort, Hope and Peace abide
The Father's Will is being done.

"The Father's Sons are Love Divine,
Their garments hemmed with Mercy's thread;
Whosoever touches the fringe of the Robe,
In Paths of Truth are gently lead."

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The Homes and Retreats of The Masters of Wisdom

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RETREAT

June 15th through July 14th, 1955

Rising majestically out of the level plains in the State of Wyoming stands the Grand Teton Range. Even to the mind of the man insensitive to the great spiritual world in which he is immersed, the glorious natural cathedral which spirals above the emerald green setting of plain and trees draws admiration. It impels aspiration toward lofty thoughts and stirs the spirit of inspiration toward Godliness. The snowy finger of the Grand Teton pointing Heavenward is a silent but constant admonition to all who look upon it to lift up their eyes unto the hills and then beyond to connect with the Creator of those very hills and man himself.

For many ages, within the heart of the Grand Teton, an Order of The Great White Brotherhood have united Their strength, Their consciousness and Their Presence to evolving ways and means of helping the mankind of Earth to the expression of greater perfection of mind, greater peace of soul, greater health of body and greater development of the dormant Spirit of God which awaits summons from the heart of man.

This Order of The Great White Brotherhood is under the direction of the Beloved Master Lanto, Who many ages ago, answered the summons of His God, left the Earth body for the last time, and now abides in that Body Eternal, not made with hands, serving the mankind of whom He was once a member. Having achieved His victory in the Orient and having been removed from the wheel of successive births and deaths, He chose to be a part of the great blending of consciousness of East and West, by taking up His abode in the United States of America at the sacred place where the first man to accept the hospitality of Earth set foot upon the planet.

From this ancient Retreat in the heart of the Wyoming Rockies, Brothers and Sisters Who are primarily interested in helping mankind to develop their natural talents, gifts, powers and reason for being, go forth to every country upon the surface of the sweet Earth Whom They live to serve and Whom They love.

The Law of Life is based on the science of giving and receiving. In scientific parlance it is referred to as centrifugal and centripetal force. Nature confirms this Law and so lives in harmony and balance. The release of the breath from the physical body is essential before the lifegiving breath can enter to nourish and sustain the body's life. The tree must give of its fruit in order to prepare for the miracle of a new resurrection and a future harvest. The flood tides recede to fulfill themselves and to again wash full and free upon the waiting shore.

The focus at the Rocky Mountain Retreat is the focus for the outgoing (centrifugal force) upon the planet Earth. The Ascension Temple at Luxor guarded by the Chohan of the Fourth Ray, Serapis Bey, is the focus for the incoming (centripetal force). Mankind, through voluntary choice, asked for opportunity to experience Earthlife and to contribute through his own creative centers of thought, feeling, spoken word and action to the creation of a Kingdom of Heaven upon the planet Earth. He chose to ride on the tides of the outgoing breath of the Father into the world of form. When he has rendered this self-chosen service, contributed his share to the establishment of *his own* Father's Kingdom on Earth, he will return on the incoming breath of the Father focused at Luxor.

Because the development, externalization and general manifestation of God's Kingdom on Earth is focused through the Retreat within the heart of the Grand Teton Mountains, Those Cosmic Beings, Ascended Masters, Angels, Devas, Builders of Form and dedicated men and women gather within the Council Chambers of the Teton twice in each year (at the end of December and at the end of June) in order to formulate plans and designs to help such establishment of perfection on Earth.

These half-yearly Councils are presided over by Seven Great Beings known as The Karmic Board. The laws that govern this Universe are scientific and exact, though merciful in the extreme. It is the responsibility of the Karmic Board to give every opportunity to the Spiritual Hierarchy and those chelas who represent Them in the world of form, to quickly put into action whatever ideas and plans will help to fulfill God's Will. However, the use of free will, gift of The Father to all his children, must be respected and ALL that can be done by God,

The Great White Brotherhood and a few unascended beings interested in their brothers' welfare is determined by the desire within the hearts of men to want to know and experience the fullness of God's Will for the planet and its evolutions.

When unascended beings choose to invoke the Presence of God's Will for the plane of which they are yet an integral part, the Cosmic Law allows more grace, more spiritual nourishment, more opportunity and more guidance to those few.

Up until a few years ago, only the Ascended Beings participated in these Councils. Not many of the members of the human race were even cognizant of their Guardians, Protectors and Benefactors nor of the Councils held on their behalf. Thus all of the energy, all of the ideas and plans, all of the visions designed and presented to the Karmic Board for ratification, came from God-free Beings. These were limited in the expresion of Their Divine endeavors because so few of mankind were open doors through whom They might plant the seeds of those ideas, with the conscious knowledge that those seeds would be lovingly and trustingly received, nourished by the thoughts and feelings of the receiver and finally externalized in the world of form. The more of mankind who can be interested in such manifestation of God's Will and who can be presented in their finer bodies before the Karmic Board as the proof of interest in the race's welfare, the greater the dispensations and grants given by the Karmic Board to these Elder Brothers and Sisters to TRY to fulfill their Plans through chelas whom They can contact as best They may.

Although comparatively few members of humanity have visited the Rocky Mountain Retreat in their physical bodies, many thousands whose hearts, souls, spirits and minds are earnestly desirous of helping in the externalizing of the Kingdom of Heaven visit these half-yearly Councils in their inner bodies. Some of them also contribute plans and designs to help the race. Many a great patriot, a great educator, a great artist, a great architect, a great scientist or inventor, a great religious personage, a great pioneer into the subtle frontiers of spiritual truth, has received his inspiration and his consecration at these Councils and has returned to his physical body filled with inspiration and conviction which he has woven into a blessing and benefaction for the race.

Few men can actually tell you where the consciousness goes

during the hours of merciful sleep. Yet many men who are "called" to great service are the beneficiaries of the wisdom of these Councils and mankind are the beneficiaries of these peoples' presence at such Councils.

During the time when the Council again gathers within the Teton Mountains, direct your mind toward it before entering sleep. Ask sincerely that if you have no conscious plan, vision nor design to present to The Brotherhood which will be of universal benefit to the race, that you will at least bring back some plan, design, vision or pattern presented there and then have the courage, endurance, faith, love, wisdom and balance to make of that "seed idea" a manifest blessing for the Earth. Within this issue of our Journal, you will read some of the petitions made by the Archangel Michael and the Ascended Masters on behalf of mankind and the elemental kingdom. This will give you a visual pattern to follow in attendance and in voluntary contributions of your own ideas which are, after all, seeds planted by The Father in your mind, which you are obligated to externalize as perfectly as your talents and powers will allow.

Note: For further description of the Rocky Mountain Retreat, please see Transmission Flame Book, pages 20-24; pages 61-64; also The Bridge To Freedom, Vol. 1, June and Dec. 1952; Vol. 2, June and Dec. 1953; Vol. 3, June and Dec. 1954.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

DEAR, DEAR GENTLE READER:— God bless you and all you love forever with the fullness of every good thing actually in your everyday use, giving you every assistance in the fulfilling of your Divine Plan for being. Many, many of you have been so gracious in requesting some decrees for daily use, some means of joining with others of like intent in co-operative service to life. This is most gratifying to the Great Ones and has earned you great merit with the Law. Service to life is what counts the most with the Ascended Masters for They have become the embodiment of that selfless gift to life which God Himself is, has always been and shall always be! Beloved Jesus said "Let him who is *greatest* among you be *servant* of all." Remember?

One of the mightiest services we can give right at this time in particular is to call to the Source of all life for the purification and release of the water element from that which mankind has so thoughtlessly and so long imposed upon that element. Did you ever stop to think what happens when you use that element to bathe the body and refresh it? What happens to your feelings of heaviness, tire and discomfort after a bath? Those feelings are removed from your world by the water element which takes those feelings on—that substance which it removed from you, that gave you those distressed feelings, it took upon itself, leaving you refreshed, able and ready to "keep on keeping on" in your life journey. Purification by the Sacred Fire (Violet Fire of Freedom's Love, etc.) is the only permanent purifier of any substance and nothing is permanently transmuted into light and redeemed from discordant feeling until the Sacred Fire has passed through it. The ultra-violet rays of the Sun render this service to water to a certain extent but you can all see how much impurity is imposed on the water element by the millions living in the big cities, these people for the most part entirely oblivious to the fact that there is a purifying service of the Sacred Fire.

Therefore, it would be very wonderful indeed if you were to make this call for the water element at least twice each day (repeating it 3 times) it would do so much to lessen the distress that weighs so heavily upon the little intelligences that make up the water element.

Lovingly, FRANCES K. EKEY

Suggested Decree for Water Element

Beloved Mighty Presence of God "I AM" in me, O! Thou Beloved Immortal Three-fold Flame of Eternal Truth within my heart! Holy Christ Selves of all mankind, Beloved Mighty Neptune, Beloved Maha Chohan, Beloved Kwan Yin, Beloved Saint Germain, Beloved Arcturus and Beloved Zadkiel and all Who have to do with the Beings of Nature and Forces of the Elements. With all our hearts we thank You for the water element in the name of all who live upon this planet Earth—all who have ever been here and all who shall ever come. We call the mightiest blessings of God-gratitude upon that element for all its limitless service to life in all its forms belonging to this Earth and Her evolutions. Bless and bless and bless that water element without limit this and every hour with the full power of purification by the Violet Fire of Freedom's Love and the Pink Adoration Flame of Gratitude, sustaining it forever. Illumine the people of this planet at once concerning their great need for this element and all the service it has given them through the ages. Let all mankind now consciously express such gratitude to and for the water element that they make it their devoted friend and co-worker and thus avoid as much distress as possible should world changes be compelled to take place. We consciously accept this done right now with full power.

Excerpts from address by
THE BELOVED ASCENDED MASTER JESUS

Grand Teton Conference, July, 1954

NOTE: In order that the gentle readers may, through projected vision, be a part of the half-yearly Conclave at the Royal Teton, we include a portion of this address in which the petitions of various of the Ascended Masters and the Archangel Michael are verbally presented to the Great Karmic Board. Beloved Portia (The Goddess of Justice and Opportunity) as Spokesman for the Karmic Board, gives the response to each petition given. Some of the petitions have found fulfillment since this address was given; some are partially fulfilled. The pattern, however, will not only allow the students to see with the mind's eye how such a service is conducted, but will stimulate many to personal and group petitions based on initiative and awareness of current local, national and planetary requirements. Please write your petitions, read them over daily, and burn them on the night of June 30th.)

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I would like to describe to you now the activities that are taking place within the magnificent Retreat of the Beloved Lanto.

Tonight, Lord Michael and beloved Serapis Bey are bringing before the Karmic Board all those relatives of the students in the New Activity (back unto the fourth generation) who have been freed from the wheel of re-birth, through the earnest endeavors of those students. As they stand before the Karmic Board, beloved Portia asks them to blaze their light. It is a magnificent sight to see them. I am sure you can sense and feel that gratitude from these individuals belonging to your own families. Lord Michael will now address the Karmic Board on their behalf":

(Lord Michael) : "Beloved Members of the Karmic Board! I, Lord Michael, on behalf of these assembled, ask now for a greater grant and dispensation. I ask that the individuals leaving embodiment from the planet Earth from this time hence forth, be given into My keeping, that they too may stand before You as these people here who are blazing their light. I also ask that the Ascension Temples may accomplish in harmony and beauty that which re-embodiment has accomplished through so much pain and suffering. As We are here assembled tonight and as You see the light of these given into My keeping, I pray Thee in the Name and mercy of life, increase Thou My grant."

(Portia) : "Beloved Michael, it shall be considered."

Now, beloved ones, the souls of the incoming children, accompanied by Kwan Yin, will come before the Karmic Board. They are wearing soft pink garments and they are holding in their little hands the perfected chalice of the heart which will house their souls in the new Earth life. Your use of the Violet Flame and your calls for the purification of their souls has made these perfected vessels of incarnation possible. As they stand there, you feel the interest of every Member of the Karmic Board, Kwan Yin, Herself, giving the assistance of presenting them to Her Fellow-members.

(Kwan Yin) : "Beloved Fellow-members of the Karmic Board! These incoming children and lifestreams are those that have gained the interest of unascended mankind who are yet embodied on the Earth. By gaining the interest of those unascended, there has been drawn through the bodies of these children the Violet Fire of Freedom's Love. In this way they have purified their inner vehicles to a point where, when they incarnate upon the Earth, they will have more perfect forms, greater intelligence, more perfect vehicles of expression. As You look upon them and see what unascended mankind have done for them, can You not include this grant now to cover the entire incoming race for the next twelve months?"

(Portia) : "Beloved Sister Kwan Yin, Your dispensation shall be considered."

From the "Sleepers" Realm, please visualize and see the great group who were awakened only in September. They are quite alert. Some of them have chosen to become musicians, some to become teachers and lecturers. Each one is acting upon one of the Seven Rays in learning some conscious activity to bless life. As they stand there you will hear our beloved Serapis.

(Serapis Bey) : "Members of the Karmic Board! These souls who have long been the 'sleepers' represent but a small number of those who yet remain unconscious in this Realm. Every one of them who has come forth has put forth effort of merit, has co-operated consciously for the progress of the race. Each of them has been willing to enroll in the Ascension Temples. Seven of them have already taken the opportunity to embody within the next year. Within this Realm there are many who

were once practically at the point where they could have gained the Ascension. I ask for the dissolution of the 'sleepers' Realm entirely before the close of 1954."

(Portia): "Brother, Your petition shall be considered."

(Please see Note 1 at end of article.)

Beloved Lord Michael now has with Him the Earth-bound who have removed themselves from the atmosphere of the Earth and have taken the vow before the Karmic Board.

(Lord Michael): "Beloved Karmic Board! I bring to you these people who for many centuries have loved the Earth more than God, more than their own evolution. Now every one of them has relinquished passion, their particular lusts and interests in the Earth. They have taken the Scroll from You—the Karmic Board—from the hands of Your own Messenger. I ask now that every Earth-bound entity on the planet Earth be cut free. I, with My Own Sword will render this service, if You will give Me opportunity, before the close of 1954."

(Portia): "Beloved Brother, Your petition shall be considered."

Now you will see coming the solemn procession of those from the "Compound." They wear a deep sea-green. There is no smile upon any face. These are individuals who need your calls. As they stand before the Karmic Board, there is not one who raises his head or even attempts to look at the light. They all stand with their heads lowered, their chins upon their breasts, their hands crossed. Michael again will speak for them.

(Lord Michael): "Beloved Members of the Karmic Board! Here we have great men, great women, great teachers. For millions of years, some of them have refused to give of their intelligence and light to the progress of mankind. These are they who have consciously bowed the knee to You. Once each day they have faithfully given an hour to service, an hour to learning and each one of them—despite ridicule, resentment, criticism and hate—have gone back into that "Compound" once each day, endeavoring to stir the interest of others. I ask Your mercy upon them; happiness for their hearts; release from remorse and for opportunity for them in this year and the year that is to come, to pursue their activities in joy. In the Name

of God! Release them from remorse! In the Name of the Holy God! Release them from remorse! In the Name of the most Holy God! *Release them from remorse!*"

(Portia): "Brother—it is done! ! !"

(Please see Note 2 at end of article.)

As they stand, each one raises his or her head and there is the first smile—the first smile since they came out. Remember what they have done with life. Almighty and eternal God, bless each and every one.

Now, My beloved and faithful ones, if you will sing your song to the Karmic Board on behalf of these petitions (which are but a few of those sent up) calling down Their blessings upon them, who knows what marvels shall be accomplished ere the New Year dawns?

God bless you all and good evening.

NOTE 1:—In December of 1954, the "Sleepers' Realm" was given great assistance by Beloved Serapis Bey with the co-operation of the calls of the student body. All who were within that Realm willingly came forth at that time and are now in conscious training to prepare for re-embodiment on the Earth where they can fulfill their Divine Plan for being and help the planet speed up its evolution in the light. However, because of the need for such a merciful assistance to the race as that Realm was originally created to provide, it could not be completely removed at this time. Therefore, for those who need its special help, a period of one year has been now ordained as the limit of time allowed for rest and sleep in this Realm between embodiments. This is of tremendous benefit to the race as a whole and to all of Earth's evolutions for, previously, individuals through free-will often remained in this Realm for millions of years in a state of unconsciousness.

NOTE 2:—In December of 1954, the entire "Compound" was dissolved and all who had been living there (some had been there for many, many centuries) are now consciously studying at the feet of the Masters. Like those from the "Sleepers' Realm," these people are now preparing for re-embodiment on Earth, thus endeavoring to fulfill their Divine Plan for being and assist their fellowman and the planet to their eternal freedom in the light.

THE MASTERS OF WISDOM SPEAK

ON THE EVER-PRESENCE OF THE FATHER

MAHA CHOHAN

The very first principle of spiritual truth lies in the acceptance, *deep within the feelings,* of the omnipresence of The Source from whence all blessings flow. "Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit, or whither shall I flee from Thy Presence? If I ascend up into Heaven, Thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall Thy Hand lead me, and Thy right Hand shall hold me." (Psalm 139:7-10.) It was long ago that I impressed this Cosmic Truth upon the receptive mind of David, the shepherd king. Ponder upon the Truth of this statement and truly enjoy a sense of peace in the availability of the intelligence, the love, the watchful care of that Presence. Upon acceptance of this Truth, there follows then an increasing capacity to utilize the proximity of The Father, through each begotten son, to widen the borders of His Kingdom.

EL MORYA

The omnipresence of God, by whatever Name His children choose to call Him, often causes the sincere student to forget that that Presence is focalized within the consciousness of *everyone* of his people. An abstract sense of "universal good" is not enough. A realization is also necessary that the Supreme Source has definitely directed through every intelligence created by Him certain definite powers to produce and sustain perfection. If a man were to acknowledge the light that suffuses the Earth's atmosphere by day but were to deny the focalized Intelligence of the Sun, he were unillumined indeed. Nature is the teacher of the wise! The focalized Intelligence which gives life, thought, feeling and being to every Master, Angel, Deva and man is like the focalized center provided by God to supply the light, warmth, power of fecundation and sustenance to the people of Earth and the nature kingdom. The wide divergence between the abstract acceptance of the Omniscient One (Whose followers refuse to accept the specific focalizing of That One's light through the Intelligences Who represent Him) and the fanatical worship of the Intelligences without realization of the One Source behind all this divergence must be bridged to bring Truth *and, with Truth, works in God's Name!*

KUTHUMI

"Praise God from Whom *all* blessings flow" is the constant paean of the Illumined. Spiritual pride, the worm in the heart of the flower of many a man's spiritual aspiration, often refuses to accept that Presence through the cup fashioned by the Father's heart and hand . . . for what is the individual being but such a Cup? If there were no ocean bed to cradle the vast bodies of water that cover the major portion of the Earth, man could not enjoy navigation, ablutions, and—generally—the gifts of water. All the gifts, powers and activities of God through nature are *embodied,* focalized (as beloved Morya says), for the specific blessings of the kingdoms which they serve. Abstract beauty is fashioned by the Devas of the Nature Kingdom into blossoming shrub, tree and flower. Abstract Divinity is graciously embodied in those who wish to bring the perfection and glory of God to man. Such a focus of Divinity was expressed through the Master Jesus that man might see, know, feel, touch and experience the glory of the Father. The development and externalization of similar foci through many men is Our service to life!

PAUL, THE VENETIAN

Why does Our brother, man, become for Us so dear and precious a ward? Because the Universal Father chose to focalize His Presence within his heart. The direction and sustenance of the life energy which comprises being and which enables the individual to use the universal acknowledgement of consciousness "I Am," is proof that through such an individual the Father wishes to direct specific gifts, powers and activities for the blessings of the universe. Otherwise, He would not have created and sustained the individual consciousness. It is Our service to life to encourage and develop those talents, powers,

activities and gifts that lie within each human heart and thus help to fulfill the Father's Will through all His creation.

SERAPIS BEY

When an applicant for spiritual prowess presents himself in the Courts of Luxor, We must determine for what reason he has been given being. The All-Wise Intelligence Who has created him had a purpose in investing life and love for centuries in the sustaining of his consciousness. Until he has "wrought that purpose through of that which made him man" he will not know peace nor will he qualify to consciously remove himself from this sphere *to which he was assigned* by Divine Will. The mass of mankind have not yet raised their heads to ask *"WHY?"* but have accepted life and blundered through centuries of existence in using life according to the caprice of the moment. Finally the soul, satiated with futile experimentation in the eternal pursuit of happiness, eventually comes to the Teachers of men. We look upon the enshrouded soul and see the potential service. It is then Our *obligation* to enable the individual to *find* that purpose and, finding it, begin to develop the ways and means by which he may fulfill that purpose. If the man or woman is willing to do this, then and then only does he qualify for the Ascension into realms of greater glory—there to continue in greater freedom to develop and externalize his reason for Being.

HILARION

It is part of the marvelous nature of God to give opportunity to all His creation to assist in expanding the perfection of the Divine design. Every man knows the thrill of satisfaction that comes from work well done. The experience of becoming a part of the development of the Divine Plan is the gift of the Father to any and all who wish to participate in the onward movement of the evolutionary scheme. Only the selfish, bigoted man denies his fellowman active participation, through self-conscious endeavor, in a particular service. God, in His infinite kindness, chooses to allow every man to enjoy creation and development of the Divine ideas that flow constantly from His great heart. To this purpose was created every Intelligence in this Universe. Those of Us Who have availed Ourselves of this opportunity have found peace, liberty, freedom and a definite purpose in being. Those who have not yet wanted to know what the Divine design of the Universe is and what the

part of the individual in that design may be, must experience the frustrations of human existence until they awaken to this Truth.

JESUS

"Not my Will but Thine be done" is not a negative but rather *a positive attitude of thought and feeling!* The alignment of the Omnipresent, Omniscient Presence of God through the individual is the practical manifestation of mastery. It is not enough to accept the Ever-Presence of God. The powers and mastery of God must be magnetized and externalized through the individual. This was the example I left to humanity. Worship of God is not enough. *Becoming the fulness of all that God has designed for every man, is the destiny of the individual and the race.* The gift of life, intelligence and consciousness *is for a reason.* That reason must be pursued through earnest, individual contemplation. Then only will man know peace and through experience know the fruits of his contemplation in works well done.

SAINT GERMAIN

I have presented the Truth that "there is no nook, no cranny, no corner in the entire Universe where the active Presence of God is not." Within this Presence are centers of intelligence which were created to intensify and expand that Presence, even as your electric light intensifies the focalized presence of light within a room. Each such center of intelligence that can say and feel "I Am here" has access to the Universal Presence. By connecting with this Divine Circuit, he becomes a self-luminous center of healing, peace, illumination, mercy, opulence and freedom, thus multiplying and expanding the gifts and powers of God *at his point in the universe.* The light bulb, disconnected from the electrical circuit, renders no service. The individual consciousness, disconnected from the Divine Source, is likewise impotent. Each soul, by the very reason of its being, has a purpose to fulfill—to expand the light and the powers of God through the individual "I Am" Presence anchored within the heart. When the Universal Source of power is allowed access to the consciousness of the individual self, the Divine circuit fulfills Itself, flowing through the focalized intelligence. First, the individual must accept the Presence of the Omniscient One and then he must invoke that Presence through himself.

The Godhead did not design the individual in vain. The individual must come to a realization that the investment of life in him is for a purpose and rejoice that he is one faucet of Divinity's expression in whatever sphere he has fitted himself to dwell.

THE GURU AND THE CHELA

By the Ascended Master Kuthumi

CHELA—Beloved Master: I ask forgiveness if this question seems presumptious. However, it often seems that, in the widening of the consciousness of the students to include the knowledge of the Masters, *individual attention upon the Presence of God is neglected.*

GURU—Blessed chela: Truly this is a fact, a stage of spiritual development, an initiation upon The Path that leads toward mastery. The individual might be likened to a child who, early in life, does not even cognize the parent nor solicitous guardians. Then comes recognition of the forms of the loving parents, followed by the years of leaning upon them. Later comes the maturity when the individual begins to draw and rely upon his own intelligence and directions.

The mass of mankind do not cognize the watchful Beings Who have foresworn the bliss of Higher Realms in order to care for them. Mankind, always a slave to form, when it finds an Individualized Presence tends to lean upon It. Later comes the maturity when the individual begins to work in the spiritual army of the King of Kings.

CHELA—Beloved Master: In order to understand the work of the Spiritual Hierarchy, we are taught to turn our attention toward certain Masters and this naturally builds an affinity of spirit. Is this not a good endeavor?

GURU—Blessed chela: Yes, it is a most praiseworthy endeavor indeed. The state of consciousness of the student is the primary point of importance in this association. As the beloved Saint Germain has said, "in the Ascended Master Realm the individual 'I Am' Presence and *All* the Ascended Masters, Angels, Devas and Cosmic Powers are *ONE.*" It is only the human mind that insists upon the doctrine of separateness and the distinction of form.

CHELA—Beloved Master: What is the correct attitude of consciousness for an earnest student to take in endeavoring to

draw close to the Masters but yet to develop individual maturity and grace?

GURU—Blessed chela: Every Being Who has attained perfection represents the sum total of millions of years of the use of life energy to develop some virtue, talent, power, grace and expression of the Godhead. Such an One is, like the Sun in the Heavens, a focus for that momentum of good—drawn, *remember,* from the ONE SOURCE. These Beings are really "living batteries" of already God-qualified life. Proximity to Their Presence allows the individual to absorb that quality, even as one absorbs the heat and comfort from the radiator.

Some there be who, through spiritual pride, would prefer to shiver in the icy winds of the mountain heights until they can generate the heat to comfort them, through their own endeavors. Others take advantage of the proximity to already generated heat and comfort provided by the fueled flames in the hostelries which welcome pilgrims who pursue some quest. Thus it is with man. Some men avail themselves of the faith, courage, strength, confidence, healing essence and illuminating power of Those Who have accumulated those stores of qualified life. Others insist upon generating these qualities themselves and shiver in the winds of uncertainty, while their more humble brothers proceed upward on The Path, in the warmth of the Presence of their Elder Brothers and Sisters.

The cultivation of the Presence and association with the Masters must be to kindle the fires of one's own spiritual nature, *not to find another to do one's personal work.* Many seek the Master as a "leaning post." Many seek Him to satisfy personal curiosity and doubt. To these, He cannot come because it would deter the individual development by drawing the attention to the *form* of the Master. Even Jesus affirmed this principle when He said "If I do not go, the Comforter will not come."

CHELA—Beloved Master: Seeking the Master in order to develop one's own reason for being is, then, a safe passport into Their Presence?

GURU—Blessed chela: It is the only passport into Their Presence. Worship of form, no matter how sincere, does not develop the individual spirit spark. It tends, on the contrary, to detract from concentration upon the One from

Whom We, Ourselves, receive life, intelligence and the power to do every good and perfect thing.

CHELA—Beloved Master: What is the doctrine of "The Middle Way" in regard to this subject we are discussing?

GURU—Blessed chela: The doctrine of "The Middle Way," which is of course the teaching of Our Lord Buddha, lies within the following principles:

First: The individual is a focus of God's Intelligence, directed into the Universe to fulfill some portion of the Divine Plan. From within himself, he must learn to draw forth the self-mastery, discrimination, balance, wisdom, love and power in order to fulfill that Plan. If he becomes enamoured of any form or being which distracts him from this individual endeavor to sublimate his human nature and expand his Divine nature, he must stop and re-orient himself with attention upon the One Source. Then he may proceed in the company of Those Who, by like concentration upon the One, have achieved.

Second: He must realize that all qualities of thought and feeling are contagious. It is wise to cultivate the Presence and Fellowship of Those Who have become that which he desires to be.

The smouldering sparks of faith and aspiration kindle into flame when the individual consciousness becomes part of the consciousness of any God-free Being. Because of the negative nature of the thoughts and feelings of the mass of mankind, unless the student has a positive current into which he may tie his aspiring soul, he is likely to be engulfed in the "hopelessness" which is the effluvia of the race.

Third: A daily period of introspection before sleep is wise. Has your service for the Master and your spiritual communion with the Master made you more like HIM in nature that day? Have you come closer to a realization of *your own Divinity?* Have the works done in His Name been done in *His Nature?* Have the mankind among whom you have moved seen and felt His Presence because of your activity in their midst that day? Has your personal attitude endeared mankind to Us, because *you* are Our only representatives in the world of form? Have your thoughts, feelings and spoken

words expressed, as nearly as you know how, what We would think, feel and say in the same circumstances? If you are sincere, you need no mentor but yourself. Spasmodic, irregular periods of contemplation, communion and introspection are not efficacious. A steady, rhythmic personal examination—in which there is no taint of self-condemnation nor self-pity—will result in an assimilation of the Master Who is your pattern. The mortifications, the censures of self are merely weapons of conscience to alleviate known wrong. A new life, builded on the nature of God, is proof of sincerity of spiritual purpose.

Excerpts of an Address by

THE BELOVED MASTER EL MORYA

Grand Teton Conclave, July, 1954

". . . Ladies and gentlemen! Friends of Heaven's heart and hope of My Own! I greet you in the Name of the God of life and light. You have come on voluntary pilgrimage to the base of this majestic mountain to engage upon a unique experiment, the joining of the God-free energies of Cosmic Beings, Divine Members of the Spiritual Hierarchy, the Angelic Host and the voluntary, sweet energies of unascended lifestreams. Before the Hosts of Heaven and, particularly, before the Great Karmic Board, you have proven to life that unascended lifestreams are willing, eager and desirous of cooperating in the evolution of the planet Earth when they know what to do and how to do it. This was the Cause to which I pledged Myself before the Karmic Board long ere you ever heard of Our New Endeavor.

Representing as I do the Will of God, it is My purpose for being—My reason for presuming to draw upon the gift of life—to bring the conscious knowledge of the Will of God to the life that is endeavoring to develop that Will and to mature It through their own consciousness and personal energies. It is no easy task for mankind on Earth to do the Will of God when there is no way for them to know what that Will is. I, therefore, took upon Myself the responsibility of addressing the Representatives of the Cosmic Law, to ask for opportunity to prove that, if the outer consciousness of mankind could be acquainted with what The Great White Brotherhood was do-

ing, mankind would cooperate with that plan and design. I said they would willingly volunteer to use their own energies, lesser in scope, less developed in capacity to serve, but backed by the momentums of their own Causal Bodies and worlds to hasten the evolution of this recalcitrant race and to perform within the short twenty year period allotted Us the miracle of making this "shadow planet" a shining Star of Freedom.

When I approached the Karmic Board and asked for opportunity so to reach the outer minds of mankind, I told Them that if I were given such an opportunity I would return shortly to the very place where the grant and dispensation was given to Me *and with Me would be the physical bodies of the lifestreams in whom I chose to invest My trust.* Grateful I Am beyond all words to describe that you chose to respond to My trust and that you chose to show interest in My plan. Grateful I Am that you chose voluntarily to come with Me upon this pilgrimage, following your own guiding star. Blessed are you, children of Earth. The Karmic Board has accepted the truth that, when mankind is acquainted with the workings of the Cosmic Councils, they will cooperate with Them. This acceptance will secure for Us much greater freedom in endeavoring to reach the rest of the race.

The investment of Our energies, as you know, is determined *by what the fruits of such investment will be.* No personal activity is ever taken into consideration in any dispensation that comes from the Karmic Board. The entire decision rests upon the benefit and blessing which the race as a whole will receive. Our energies no longer belong to Us as Individuals, but are consigned to the good of The Great White Brotherhood and Their endeavors on behalf of the race as a whole. We must ask and receive acquiescence from The Law to reach through the veil and give worded description of that which engages Our energies, as well as promptings which mankind can weave into their own lives, if they choose, and then make manifest as fruit and harvest.

Over the Grand Teton stands a magnificent brazier in which will be burned the great Cosmic petitions from all the Retreats throughout the world. At the same time, the petitions of the students are being burned in the braziers in their sanctuaries. Thus the Sacred Fire at the top of the Teton and the Sacred Fire in the sanctuaries of the students are consciously united. The activities within the heart of the Teton are bridged into

the physical world through the students conscious cooperation and assistance.

We have endeavored to bring to you this week the Person, the radiation, the benediction and the activities of each of the seven Chohans. We did this so that you might become better acquainted with the particular services each of Us performs as well as better acquainting you with Our Nature as Individuals. Through such association, We hope that you will find yourselves with a better knowledge and understanding of Our part in the Universal Scheme of Creation. Then, in your individual activities, when you return into your local orbits, you can invite those of Us who will be able to render specific services required in a given hour. As you have been bathed in the radiation of the various Chohans, you have had the benediction of the Seven Rays through your worlds and auras.

I trust you will find some small grain of Truth in the Law as We have presented It to you; some phase of practical application which you can and will weave into your own endeavors. I hope that you have achieved a greater respect for life itself; a greater desire to watch your use of life; a greater reverence for the Source from whence flows that life; a greater confidence and acceptance of the anchorage of that Presence within your heart; and a greater realization of the power of That Presence to *do for you and through you* all that is required to set your worlds into Divine order. If you have accepted even one of these gifts as a result of Our outpouring of light, We will feel that We have not given Our energies in vain.

Beloved ones! We come bringing all in the way of Our light and life to share with you. *All that We are and all that We have is yours!* We are servants of your life. We are consecrated entirely to directing the qualities and virtues of Our Beings upon your heart flames until you too stand God free. When this is accomplished, then the work of The Great White Brotherhood for the planet Earth will be completed. The Earth will emit Its own blazing light. Sanat Kumara will be returned in gratitude to Venus with all of the love of your hearts forming the very platform upon which His sacred and blessed body rises. These are the activities to which We have dedicated Our lives. These are the activities to which We hope some of you will choose to dedicate yours. Some among you have chosen and have found your reason for being. Some of you are vested with a vocation of merit. That vocation, deep within your own

hearts, will be externalized as manifest works to bless your fellowman.

Every individual who sets forth upon a pilgrimage receives a blessing commensurate with the motive that prompted his going forth.

Sanat Kumara comes now from Shamballa. He will remain enthroned over this great mountain while the petitions are placed within the Sacred Fire and offered to the Karmic Board.

You will feel the peace of His radiation and the power of His majestic Presence. I think you will also feel, as I do, that there is nothing as important as giving back to Him some balance for His millions of years of service on behalf of mankind and the planet Earth. His patience is indescribable. His love is unspeakable. Even yet, He says to the Karmic Board: "If mankind do not, cannot or will not emit the light required to sustain Earth's place in the Solar System, please allow Me to remain and serve them." The Karmic Board refuses such further sacrifice. It is now time for the maturity of the spiritual natures of mankind to manifest. It is the time when the obligation of emitting light should be placed upon the shoulders of the race. This Great Being SHALL BE ALLOWED the happiness and freedom of returning to Venus with Our love! . . . ."

MONTHLY LETTER TO TRANSMISSION CLASS

DEARLY BELOVED PRECIPITATED RAYS FROM THE HEART OF GOD:

Do you realize *in your feelings that you are actually* the quality and power which you so much desire to make you consciously Master; to increase your substance and to fill your worlds with opulence and peace? No man could have being, consciousness or be able to either say, think or feel I Am as an individual unless he was actually precipitated into the Universe! Think this through. Then why stop there? Allow the pure, primal, ever-flowing stream of life, which gives you consciousness and being, to continue on its way *through you* to externalize that portion of the Divine Plan for which you were created and for which you have been sustained through the ages.

For this thirty-day period, we enter the radiation of the greatest precipitating focus on the planet. The chinese-green Flame focused within the heart of the Grand Teton is a pressure of positive energy, an actual precipitating power. If your

own precipitation has temporarily ended with your manifestation as a limited individual in the world of form, take advantage of this Cosmic pressure. Tie in your energies with the outgoing energies of the Godhead and experience for yourself the "Precipitating Presence"! I challenge you to TRY this experience!

Love and Blessings,

MAHA CHOHAN

Statement for Transmission Class of June 18th, 1955

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I AM	inbreathing	Lanto's	feeling	of grateful	reverence	for the Presence	of life
"	absorbing	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	expanding	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	loving	"	"	"	"	"	"

Color of Flame: Chinese Green
Keynote: Evening Star from Tannhauser
Hierarch: Beloved Lanto

Fraternally Yours

Dear Editor: I am so grateful to have the new magazine, "Hope," which fills such a great need in my heart to share some portion of the Law with those of my loved ones who as yet seem unable to accept the deeper instruction contained in "The Bridge to Freedom." Thank you for providing a tangible way and means by which I can help to spread the Truth and Light into other hearts and homes from *my own home*.—E. C., Canada.

(Ed.) We are so grateful for the enthusiastic response to Our endeavor to provide some simplified instruction which chelas and students can share with their loved ones.

Beloved Friends of "The Bridge": Enclosed you will find my order for Vol. 4 of "The Bridge." Your journal is cheap at any price and you are doing a splendid work. My check enclosed will cover the new subscription price of $4. as well as enough to cover the cost of "The Seventh Ray." I have also sent for 100 copies of your "Purpose Leaflet" for distribution to my friends. Thank you for your loving service to us all. Your fellow-worker, C. S., Adrian, Michigan.

(Ed.) You are kind indeed, dear friend, to so express yourself concerning Our humble efforts to acquaint mankind with Truth concerning the "here" as well as the "hereafter" through our little journal. Concerning its price, We assure you the charge We are making only covers the expense of its publication at the present time. You see, the Great Law is that the Masters are not permitted to put any money into the means of spreading these